

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE BRANDON
BULLDOGS AS MHSAA 6A SOUTH
STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Brandon Bulldogs and Coach Sam Williams on their MHSAA 6A South State Championship victory. Coach Williams led the talented team to an impressive 11–3 season with stunning wins over some of the best teams in the state. I commend Coach Williams for his success at the helm of the Bulldogs football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for their successful season. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team resulted in victory time and time again until they became one of the best high school football programs in Mississippi.

I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize such a successful season. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this season, I would challenge them to remember the qualities that made them one of the best teams in the entire state.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and Nation.

Congratulations to the Brandon Bulldogs on their very successful season.

CONGRATULATING THE
SCHUYLerville BLACK HORSES
ON AN IMPRESSIVE FOOTBALL
SEASON AND EARNING A STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP BERTH

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Schuylerville High School football team on their impressive season and hard-fought championship game.

The Schuylerville Black Horses, led by head coach John Bowen, handily won the state semifinal game 52–14, defeating Dobbs Ferry. The Black Horses had a season high rushing total in the state semifinal. The undefeated Black Horses carried this momentum with them into the championship game but came up just short of clenching their first state championship title.

The Black Horses played hard throughout the entire game and put up a valiant effort in

the Syracuse Carrier Dome. This loss ended the Schuylerville Black Horse's impressive winning streak, but they displayed a physical and mental toughness beyond their years this season.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Schuylerville Black Horses on their tremendous 2021 football season, culminating in a formidable effort at the state championship. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication throughout this season.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH
ALLEN BREAUX, JR.

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Lumberton Police Department Officer, Lieutenant Joseph Allen "Joey" Breaux, Jr. Lieutenant Breaux passed away on Saturday, December 11, 2021, after a long journey with cancer.

The oldest of three children, Lieutenant Breaux was born to parents Joseph and Helen Breaux on August 8, 1968, in Silsbee, Texas. Like his brother, Steven, and sister, Julie, Lieutenant Breaux was a graduate of Lumberton High School. He was a kicker for their high school football team and held a record for his 51-yard field goal for many years.

Lieutenant Breaux began his law enforcement career in 1989 as a dispatcher in Silsbee, Texas. In 1990, he graduated from the Lamar University Regional Police Academy. Two years later, Lieutenant Breaux joined the Lumberton Police Department where, unknowingly at the time, he would serve the surrounding community with love and tireless devotion for the next 29 years as a patrolman, investigator, and criminal justice teacher. As a beloved member of the law enforcement community, he will be remembered for his friendship and mentorship to fellow officers, his kindness and compassion to those he encountered while on patrol, and his outstanding moral character.

Lieutenant Breaux met his wonderful wife, Molly, in 1988. Love flourished, and the couple were married in 1990. He and Molly share two daughters together, Harley and Kaylee. Over the years, he never missed an opportunity to cherish and spoil them.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge the life of Lieutenant Joseph Allen "Joey" Breaux, Jr. and his 32 years of law enforcement service. My heartfelt prayers remain with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING ANTHONY WAYNE
HALBY

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the life and service of my friend, Anthony Wayne Halby.

Anthony was a 40-year resident in Nevada County, a devout family-man with a heart of gold. His hard work and devotion to our community will be felt for generations. He will be missed by all of us.

In 1971, Anthony graduated from Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles; married Charlene his wife of 40-years and started his business, The Halby Group. During his career Anthony built a very successful business where he was known as an, 'excellent salesman with integrity.' His work ethic was to always help people and ensure that they received the very best value.

One of Anthony's many contributions to our area was his service to our first responders through his work on the Nevada County Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Council. Since the organizations beginning in 1999, they have raised and donated more than \$1 million worth of equipment, support, and training for local first responders. They also hold the Nevada County Red Light Ball celebrating the hard work and dedication of our first responders. Anthony was a massive part in organizing and ensuring this celebration occurred. Every year, we can look forward to the Red Light Ball and the recognition of our First Responders. I have many fond memories attending this event and seeing the outpouring of community support for our first responders.

Anthony was someone you could count on and turn to. In my many trips to Nevada County, I will always have fond memories of stopping by to see him and catching up on world events, or just to have a few minutes with a friend.

The only thing we never agreed about was baseball and muscle cars as he was a devoted Dodgers fan and a Corvette guy, as I drive Mustangs and root for the Giants, our rivalry was among friends.

Anthony enjoyed spending his weekends driving his Corvette around Northern California and was an active member of his local Corvette club.

Anthony was a patriot who loved our Country and a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed by all. Upon his passing, he leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his legacy his wife Charlene, their five children: Gabriella, Matthew, Mark, Michael, and Joseph; eight grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends. Today, I stand beside Charlene and their family in this time of sorrow and profound personal loss. May God bless my friend. He is not forgotten.

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HONORING MR. SOHUM PAWAR

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an essential member of our team that worked to evacuate vulnerable Afghans during the fall of Kabul, Mr. Sohumi Pawar.

Originally from East Hanover, New Jersey, for many years, Mr. Pawar has worn many hats—scientist, engineer, and policy researcher. Since graduating with honors from little-known schools such as Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he's worked on cybersecurity, climate, and energy policy at the White House, assisted negotiators at the U.S. Department of State working on UN climate talks, and written speeches for the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Beyond public service, he's also worked as a cyber threat intelligence analyst, assessed clean energy startups for a climate-focused venture capital fund, and developed policy and strategy for an advanced nuclear reactor startup. He also has experience in journalism, conducting research for David Sanger, the prominent national journalist for the New York Times and his bestselling book chronicling the rise of cyber warfare.

The knowledge and experience Mr. Pawar acquired in all of these ventures were heavily relied upon when he joined our cobbled-together effort working to evacuate vulnerable Afghans from Kabul. For several sleepless nights, he was part of our tiger team—responsible for gathering the required information for the group of Afghans, verifying the authenticity of documents, and supporting evacuees with letters of support of our own.

Our mission depended on a broad cross-section of skills and traits, from perseverance to grit. Very few people could have handled the flood of information that our office received during those frantic days, and even fewer as quickly and efficiently as Sohumi did. We needed Pawar power to succeed, and it is thanks to him that we did.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Sohumi Pawar for his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in our effort to evacuate Afghan allies from Kabul. For his meticulous record keeping, for his flexibility and perseverance, and for his dogged pursuit of any lead that would benefit the mission, I submit these words—may they stand as a tribute to his dedicated service when the moment called for it most.

RECOGNIZING THE MADISON CENTRAL JAGUARS AS MHSAA 6A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Madison Central Jaguars and Coach Toby Collums on their MHSAA 6A State Championship victory. In his first year, Coach Collums led the Jaguars to a 13–1 season and finished the season with a victory at

the state championship. I commend Coach Collums for his explosive start at the helm of the Jaguars football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them to remember the qualities that made them champions.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and Nation.

Congratulations to the Madison Central Jaguars. They earned this victory.

RECOGNIZING KERRY BLACK ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kerry Black of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of her retirement. Mrs. Black's career has touched the lives of many individuals in South Florida and throughout the world. She specializes in improving organizational culture and establishing healthy, thriving companies.

In August of 1991, Mrs. Black and her husband, Russell Black, founded Latin Impact Ministries in order to develop a network of national church leaders. Latin Impact Ministries has reached over tens of thousands of Latinos and has developed hundreds of individuals and teams focusing on serving their communities. Today, Latin Impact Ministries has extended outreach to build schools, provide members of the community with access to a higher education, and promotes the collaboration of strong leaders in the city to improve local and regional unity.

Not only did Mrs. Black serve the underprivileged, she empowered the South Dade entrepreneurial community by serving as the CEO of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce from October 2017 to May 2021. The South Dade Chamber of Commerce is the second oldest standing chamber in Miami Dade County and is a critical resource for many of the community's entrepreneurs. Under her leadership, she reinvigorated the chamber by creating a new mission statement and following through on that promise. Because of her leadership, the chamber experienced one of their best renewal seasons, leading to a restored reputation throughout the community. She increased community visibility by participating in weekly podcasts hosted by Miami Community News. Throughout the pandemic, Mrs. Black ensured business leaders were still connected to the chamber and provided them with resources and guidance.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating Kerry Black's retirement. As she celebrates an extensive career of service, I am grateful for all the work she has done to serve the needs of South Florida businesses, entrepreneurs, and members of our community.

HONORING MATTHEW NICHOLAS SUTHERLAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Nicholas Sutherland. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 39 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has earned his Bronze Palm and Gold Palm Awards, served in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has camped a total of 82 nights. Matthew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Matthew created an exhibit for the Clay County Historical Museum which took 144 hours of service to complete.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Nicholas Sutherland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELDER LOVELL JEROME JENKINS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of my cousin, Elder Lovell Jerome Jenkins, an eminent pastor and educator who passed away on December 1, 2021, at 66 years old.

Elder Lovell Jenkins was born first of four children on December 23, 1954, in Hope Hull, Alabama; to Dorothy Gardner Jenkins and the late Reverend Leroy Jenkins. After graduating with honors from Calhoun High School in 1971, Lovell received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Alabama State University.

Accepting Christ into his life at a young age under the pastorate of his grandfather, the late Elder Tom Gardner, Jr., Lovell was a faithful member of Beulah Primitive Baptist Church in Hope Hull, Alabama. At Beulah, Lovell sang in the adult and male choruses until he received the divine call of God to preach the gospel.

Lovell began his career in education serving as a math teacher and coach at Jefferson

Davis High School in Montgomery, Alabama. During his 36 years of service at Jefferson Davis High School, Lovell taught multiple courses, including business, math, geometry, algebra, and calculus. While at Jefferson Davis High School, he also served as the Assistant Basketball Coach.

In addition to his career as an educator, Lovell was also the beloved pastor of the Canaan Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Lowndes County, Alabama, where he served for twenty years. He accepted the Call of ministry in 2000, and after being installed as pastor of Canaan Hill Primitive Baptist Church in 2001, Lovell dedicated his life to teaching the word of God. As pastor of Canaan Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Lovell worked to develop the church by forming various departments and working with organizations throughout the Montgomery community, including the formation of a mission and matron department, the young adult choir, and a partnership with the Montgomery Biscuits for a family and friends day fundraiser. Also, under his leadership, Deacon Emory McGhee Sr. and Deacon Bobby Bennett were ordained, the Board of Trustees was established, restrooms were made handicap accessible, a new air conditioning unit was purchased, along with the purchase and renovation of the property behind the church itself.

Elder Lovell Jenkins was preceded in death by his son Lovell Jermaine Jenkins, his father Reverend Leroy Jenkins, and his brother Jeffery Lydell Jenkins.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Marcia Royal Jenkins, mother Dorothy (Eddie) Sanders; three sons Cortez (Nicole) Jenkins, Jawuan (Queen) Jenkins, and Llewellyn (Tarriant) Royal; three daughters De' Andra (Derrick) Bolling, Tamika Wray Dixon, Ann Marie Upthegrove; two sisters, Vanessa (Mark) Pettway and Felicia (James) Kelley; three sisters-in-law Norma Lyons, Nair Gibbons, Doreen (Michael) Layne, one brother-in-law Alston Royal; thirteen grandchildren Cameron, Caden, Jaxen, and Jaden Jenkins, Deja (Jarred) Turner, Vallet Upthegrove, Beau Harvest, Asa Bolling, Llewellyn Royal, Jr., Juirien Royal and Akira Williams, Maliyah and Makari Dixon; six great-grandchildren Jarred, Jr., Joan, Jade, Jayla, Janya and Carter; four god-children, Consuelo (Kenneth) Bell, Kelvin Thomas, Jr., Delshaun and Faith Gatson; four aunts Negatha Holt, Gloria (Frank) Humphrey, Theresa (Charlie) Douglass, and Delphia Jenkins; four uncles, Elder Tom (Estella) Gardner, Reverend Mack (Ruby) Jenkins and Willis Jenkins, and John (Barbara) Gardner; six nieces Markia and Gabrielle Pettway, Karen Banks, Hazel Samuel, Sherilyn (Howard) Houston and Alexandria Johnson, devoted friends, Elder Dwight and Cheryl Johnson, and a host of cousins, friends and students.

On a personal note, Lovell was my amazingly thoughtful and loving first cousin who radiated goodness and kindness to all he met and to those he loved. A man of tremendous faith whose guidance and tutelage of his students, parishioners and family members was an inspiration to all. Lovell loved his family and showed it in his smile, his laughter, and his generous heart. He was tender with his loving wife Marcia, gentle in the care of his beloved mother Dorothy, supportive to his devoted siblings, and instructive to his dear children. May we find comfort in knowing that Lovell's legacy will live on in the many lives that he impacted. Rest in power, my sweet cousin.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and legacy of my cousin, Elder Lovell Jerome Jenkins and his exemplary contributions in education and ministry to the Montgomery community.

HONORING UNDERSHERIFF
MICHAEL G. MCCABE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Undersheriff Michael McCabe as he retires from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office after 44 years of service.

Born and raised in Bloomfield Township, Mike's lifelong dream was to become a police officer. When he was a young child, he had been riding in the car with his mother and brother when they were involved in a traffic accident. Although thankfully no one was seriously injured, Undersheriff McCabe still remembers the Bloomfield Township police officer that came to take a statement in the hospital.

That seminal memory stuck with him as he attended Brother Rice High School alongside future Sheriff Mike Bouchard, and later, when he graduated from Michigan State University in 1977. Just four months after earning his degree, Undersheriff McCabe joined the Oakland County Sheriff's Office—earning one of six spots out of 800 applicants. The rest, as they say, is history.

Over a career spanning more than four decades, he's risen through the ranks, working in every division along the way—from patrol deputy to detective to substation commander to chief of staff to now undersheriff and chief deputy, the position he's held for nearly 18 years. As the senior official responsible for day-to-day operations, his latest duties have included managing more than 1,400 employees and overseeing the \$165 million annual budget.

Undersheriff McCabe's commitment to his fellow officers is the stuff of legend. In 1982, while responding to an armed robbery, his partner was critically wounded with gunshots to the chest and left shoulder. Without a moment's hesitation, Undersheriff McCabe threw his fellow officer into the passenger's seat of their patrol car and drove him to Crittenton Hospital—undoubtedly saving his partner's life. Last year, when a routine doctor's visit discovered an issue that required him to go in for emergency surgery, he was reportedly answering emails and returning phone calls from his room in the hospital.

However, it is his actions in the last few weeks of his service that will serve as a lasting testament to Undersheriff McCabe's heroism. On November 30, 2021, when a 15-year-old student at Oxford High School opened fire on his classmates, Undersheriff McCabe was one of the first responders to arrive and he was on-site and in command as the senior officer in charge of the law enforcement mobilization. He and his fellow officers answered the call—more than 100 in total that were frantically placed to 911—and without waiting to set up a perimeter or assess the danger, they ran into the high school and ap-

prehended the shooter before more lives were lost. As he had done before in his career, Undersheriff McCabe's quick thinking saved lives. There is 110 question that there are teachers and students who are still here because of what he did and that his seasoned, experienced leadership helped mitigate and manage an unimaginable situation. For that, our community will forever be in his debt.

Madam Speaker, even before the tragedy at Oxford High School, Undersheriff McCabe deserved recognition from this chamber for his decades of service. That the coda to his career is a moment in the national spotlight, as the face of a grieving community, only deepens it.

Simply put, Undersheriff McCabe is the best of what Oxford, Michigan and Oakland County represents. There is nothing in the world that I wouldn't give for his recognition to be under different circumstances, and yet, it is a small comfort to know that, in this moment of incredible pain as we seek to pick up the pieces, he has been there as a steady hand and a guiding force for his fellow neighbors.

I rise today in profound thanks to Undersheriff Michael McCabe for 44 years of service, and in honor of his actions throughout his career, and especially his final acts on the force. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him and his wife, Rebecca, a well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER
OF DR. JAMES HUNT

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James W. Hunt, Jr., a leader in community health and health care reform who has spent his 41-year career advocating for underserved communities and fighting for equitable and affordable healthcare for the people of Massachusetts.

As president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Dr. Hunt helped build a network of over 50 community health centers across the state. Born out of the civil rights movement, community health centers have been instrumental in health care reform, and have served over 1 million underserved patients in Massachusetts.

During his career, Dr. Hunt has worked hard to expand access to medical care for low-income Massachusetts residents. He has helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds to build up the state's primary care network and to support the growing health care workforce of the Commonwealth.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Hunt's commitment to reforming our broken health care system cannot be understated and is exemplified by his tireless efforts to expand quality medical care for those who often have the hardest time accessing it. Under his leadership, health centers have administered about 650,000 doses of the vaccines that protect against COVID-19 to residents of Massachusetts—about 65 percent of whom are people of color.

Dr. Hunt began his tenure in public health as a volunteer at the Neponset Health Center in Dorchester, MA. Leaving behind a career as a civil engineer, he joined the Massachusetts

League of Community Health Centers in 1980 and soon after became a leading force in community health and state health reform. Dr. Hunt's advocacy has pushed health centers to the forefront of the fight for universal health care coverage in Massachusetts.

Dr. Hunt stepped down as president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers in December of 2020 and held an emeritus position through June of 2021. While he has stepped down from his role at the organization, this was not the end of Dr. Hunt's work. Dr. Hunt is forward-thinking, human-oriented, and has been and will continue to be an integral part of transforming health care in Massachusetts to positively impact the lives of the state's most marginalized communities.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and all the people in whose lives Dr. Hunt has made a positive difference, it is my great privilege and honor to thank and recognize Dr. James W. Hunt, Jr. for his tireless efforts to create a more just and equitable world.

CITY OF JENNINGS 75TH YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to congratulate the city of Jennings on their 75th anniversary.

I am grateful to join in celebration of such a remarkable milestone. Like so many of my neighbors in Missouri's First District, the city of Jennings holds a deep and special place in my heart. In addition to its vibrant community and resilient spirit, Jennings is also home to some of my fondest memories and experiences.

Jennings is responsible for the production of so many St. Louis staples that we all know and love. I am deeply honored to represent a place with such a rich history and even more grateful for what this community has contributed to our greater St. Louis region. I know there is so much more to come, and I am eager to be in continued partnership with our Jennings community leaders as we do the most for everyone, starting with those who have the very least.

Congratulations again on 75 fruitful years. I have no doubt that the next 75 will be even greater.

RETIREMENT OF DIANE RANDALL,
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NA-
TIONAL LEGISLATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation for the powerful, persistent, and prophetic service of Diane Randall, who is stepping down from her role as General Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) at the end of this year.

FCNL is the 78-year-old Quaker lobby working to end war and the threat of war, advance social justice, and protect the Earth. In addition to its team of advocates in Washington, FCNL has built a network of thousands of people in all 50 states who advocate for those same values day-in and day-out.

I have deeply valued working with Diane and her team as allies in my own work to end the forever wars, fight poverty and ensure a better life for all people at home and abroad. As a Quaker leader and a person of faith, Diane has brought a strong moral voice and the power of her Quaker community to policy discussions here in Washington. Her deep faith and belief in the inherent value of all people have allowed her to work across partisan and ideological lines to achieve major, positive change.

During her decade-long tenure, Diane vastly expanded FCNL's advocacy staff in Washington and energized Quaker activists across the country. She built enduring coalitions with many different faith communities, joining with the heads of Washington offices of faith-based organizations, the Circle of Protection, and the Washington Interfaith Staff Community.

In fact, I recall a dinner with faith leaders that Diane hosted a few years ago at FCNL's Quaker Welcome Center. We discussed the intersection of poverty and racism, and from that dinner-discussion emerged a powerful statement: a Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty signed by more than 80 prominent Christian leaders.

I have seen first-hand how Diane has nurtured and challenged all of us to work toward her vision of the world we seek. FCNL's wonderful mission statement is something that I believe we should all champion:

We seek a world free of war and the threat of war.

We seek a society with equity and justice for all.

We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled.

We seek an earth restored.

FCNL has been and continues to be a principled, effective and steadfast partner in advancing that mission. They have been an integral part of our efforts to repeal the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force. FCNL is one of the few organizations that has been with me since September 2001, supporting my lone vote against the war authorization, and continuing to campaign against the endless wars that resulted from one 60-word sentence that was enacted into law over our objections.

Under Diane's leadership starting in 2011, FCNL staff have been steadfast allies, advocating to support my legislation to repeal these war authorizations. Their professional lobbyists as well as their citizen advocates tirelessly visited Hill offices, telling their own personal stories as well as making a logical case for why endless wars and endless Pentagon spending make all of us less secure.

We work together on so many issues, from promoting racial justice at home to ending the drone wars to supporting the United Nations. Whether it is protecting the right to vote, protecting refugees and migrants, or protecting

vulnerable people in developing countries, FCNL has been right there alongside me.

Although FCNL is a Quaker-led organization, its network includes many people of other faiths and non-religious people who are drawn to their priorities and their vision for a better future. Diane has particularly strengthened FCNL's work on poverty and economic justice issues, focusing a huge amount of energy and lobbying power on passing legislation to expand and extend the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. This November, FCNL organized more than 600 people in 45 states plus the District of Columbia to lobby Congress in support of these priorities.

Diane is truly one who speaks truth to power, and I am deeply grateful for that. She leaves a legacy not only of moral leadership, but also a vision for a more peaceful and equitable future, and an organization that is energized and equipped to pursue it.

HONORING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO MEDICINE BY DR. BOYDE J.
HARRISON

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like pay tribute to Boyde J. "Jerry" Harrison, MD of Haleyville, Alabama on his 40 years of practice in medicine and service to Haleyville, Alabama, rural communities and the state of Alabama.

Born to B.J. and Geneva Harrison, Dr. Harrison grew up in Tallassee, Alabama, and graduated from Tallassee High School in 1970. He then went on to complete his undergraduate degree at Birmingham Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama before attending Tulane University where he participated in biochemical research. Upon his return to Alabama, Dr. Harrison attended the University of Alabama School of Medicine to obtain his Doctor of Medicine and thereafter opened his private practice in Haleyville in November of 1981.

However, Dr. Harrison's service does not end with his private practice of medicine. Over the years he has served as the chair of the board for three statewide medical associations including the Alabama Medical Directors Association, the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. He has also served as chairman of the Alabama State Board of Medical Scholarships and the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. Among other honors he has served as Censor for the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, represented the board on the Medicaid Transition Task Force, and served on the Opioid Task force for two governors.

In addition to his dedicated service through our medical organizations, Dr. Harrison also led the state of Alabama in treatment during at the dawn of the opioid crisis. As a long-time advocate for office-based treatment against opioid dependency, Dr. Harrison became one

of the first Alabama physicians to become certified to start an office-based opioid treatment center. In 2008 he helped develop an approved prescribing course sponsored by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Since that time, he has presented the course to over 15,000 Alabama prescribers and was awarded the Administrators in Medicine National Award for Excellence for the course in 2015.

Along with his accomplishments in the medical field, Dr. Harrison in an instrument-rated pilot, a certified scuba diver, photographer, and has served his church as a talented pianist for over 25 years.

Dr. Boyde J. Harrison is a prime example of the steadfast, hardworking people that I am proud to represent in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District. I ask that you join me in congratulating him on completing 40 years of dedication and service not only to my hometown of Haleyville, but to Northwest Alabama and the great State of Alabama.

HONORING DR. KEITH WEAVER

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Keith Weaver ahead of his retirement this month.

Dr. Weaver's 37 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to the conservation and management of the National Wildlife Refuge System played a critical role in protecting important natural resources in Arkansas and throughout the nation. Wildlife refuges are an essential piece to both the economy and culture of the Natural State, and we owe many thanks to Dr. Weaver for his leadership in conservation.

His career officially began at Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in northeast Louisiana as a forestry technician. There he oversaw logging contracts, participated in reforestation activities, dealt with nuisance beaver control, and later became the refuge's first Wildlife Biologist where he conducted important research on the area's black bears. He served outside of the Southeast in refuge leadership positions at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland's Eastern Shore and Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Vermont. Dr. Weaver took his current position as the project leader at the Central Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge Complex in 2007. He is responsible for managing six refuges at Bald Knob, Big Lake, Cache River, Holla Bend, Logan Cave, and Wapanocca, Arkansas—five of which are primarily managed for wintering waterfowl.

Throughout his career, he invested in future conservation leaders and earned a reputation of the highest character, integrity, and honesty. He engaged with national, regional, and local stakeholders and was a dependable resource for my staff and I, always ready to help serve Arkansans.

Dr. Weaver's dedication and leadership has not gone unnoticed, and in September 2021, he was awarded the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award, the highest honorary recognition an employee can receive within DOI. This award is reserved for out-

standing individuals who make significant contributions to science or to the public service.

Both the state of Arkansas and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are losing an exceptional public servant. I thank Dr. Weaver for his decades of commitment to keeping the Natural State a vibrant, safe, and beautiful place to call home.

RECOGNIZING 30 YEARS OF KAZAKHSTAN'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan achieved its independence from the former Soviet Union and became a self-governing nation-state on December 16, 1991. Guided by its first President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Kazakhstan quickly renounced nuclear weapons, and worked with the United States to close the former Soviet nuclear test facility at Semipalatinsk and secure the nuclear materials stored there. These bold gestures by President Nazarbayev and his government at a time of significant instability in the region set a precedent on nuclear safety and nonproliferation efforts for Kazakhstan in the international community.

After independence, Kazakhstan quickly turned away from Soviet-inspired central economic planning and built a stable market economy. As early as 1992, Kazakhstan joined international arbitration bodies and actively invited foreign investment in the country. Today Kazakhstan's economic output is one of the most robust in Central Asia, and American companies are some of the largest investors in Kazakhstan. In 2015, after twenty years of negotiations, Kazakhstan acceded to membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO), further broadening its relationship with the global economic community.

In 2019, the Kazakh people elected President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev who has pledged more important economic and political reforms. He has called his vision of government, "the listening state," and has promised to hear and respond to Kazakh citizens, to act consistently with international social, labor, and human rights standards, and to encourage participation in the political life of the country. I applaud these calls for reforms and hope that the government of Kazakhstan will implement them which will ultimately benefit the country and cement its place as a reliable friend of the United States.

One of the requirements of the WTO is that members extend permanent normal trade relations to each other. Unfortunately, the U.S. has yet to grant permanent normal trade relations to Kazakhstan, citing the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 which restricts trade relations with non-market economies that limit the right of citizens to emigrate. This measure was aimed at the Soviet Union and its then-allies in response to their punitive restrictions on Jewish émigrés. Joined by my friends, Ms. WALORSKI, Ms. MURPHY, and Mr. CHABOT, I introduced H.R. 5544 in October to grant permanent normal trade relations to Kazakhstan. It is long past

time for the U.S. to take this step. The Soviet Union no longer exists, and its successor, the Russian Federation, was granted permanent normal trade relations in 2012. Meanwhile, since independence, Kazakhstan has granted all of its citizens the freedom to emigrate and adopted a stable market economy. The conditions that led to enactment of Jackson-Vanik no longer exist, and the reasons for its restrictions on trade relations have long since ceased to apply to Kazakhstan. Permanent normal trade relations will benefit Kazakhstan and will also benefit the many U.S. companies investing in and doing business in Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan also has been a crucial leader and partner to the U.S. on counterterrorism efforts, providing support and assistance to the U.S. during its engagement in Afghanistan. The country has an abundance of natural resources, including rare earth and other critical minerals that will play a significant role in the global shift away from fossil fuels. Kazakhstan has a young and educated workforce and actively promotes universal education, including English language skills, so its citizens can fully participate in the global economy. For these reasons, I believe Kazakhstan deserves our sustained interest, friendship, and attention as it continues to evolve.

Madam Speaker, I recently assumed the role of co-chair of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Caucus because I believe our relationship with Kazakhstan is very important to the economic and national security of the United States. We clearly benefit from our friendship with this vibrant and growing nation located in such a strategic part of the world. I invite all my House colleagues to consider joining the Caucus and supporting the granting of permanent normal trade relations to Kazakhstan.

Congratulations to the Kazakh people on 30 years of independence, progress, and growth.

RECOGNIZING THE JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY JAGUARS AS MHSAA 3A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Jefferson Davis County Jaguars and Coach Lance Mancuso on their MHSAA 3A State Championship victory. This is Coach Mancuso's ninth straight state championship, an unprecedented accomplishment. I commend Coach Mancuso for his record-setting success at the helm of the Jaguars football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them to remember the qualities that made them champions.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and Nation.

Congratulations to the Jefferson Davis County Jaguars. They earned this victory.

COMMEMORATING JUDY
MCKIERNAN

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Judith Ann McKiernan, wife, mother, public servant, and community leader. Mrs. McKiernan passed away on November 30th.

Judy is survived by her husband of twenty-nine years, Michael and their two children, Hannah, and Adam. Lovingly known to Judy as, Team McKiernan.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Judy grew up in Houston, Texas and made her way to Winchester in the late 1980s. Judy dedicated her life in Winchester to community service, as a social worker, public school counselor and administrator for over thirty years, and as a Member of Winchester City Council. She was currently serving as Director of Student Support Services for the Winchester Public Schools.

Judy was known for her spirited personality and fierce determination to advocate for those she loved. She enjoyed dancing, being out in nature, and welcoming all who came through her door. She loved serving her community and found great joy in supporting the development of making it a more equitable place to thrive and grow. Judy supported the many organizations whose missions aligned with her values, including Bright Futures, Winchester Area Thermal Shelter (WATTS) NAACP, and many others.

Judy McKiernan leaves behind a lasting legacy of dedicated public service and will be missed by family, her many friends and the community she served.

HONORING COMMISSIONER EMMIT
JIMMAR OF COLBERT COUNTY,
ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize today the profound service and legacy of the late Emmit Jimmar of Colbert County, Alabama. Emmit Jimmar held the office of county commissioner for 28 years, serving as the first Black commissioner elected in Colbert County. We mourn his passing today and reflect on the influence his service brought to North Alabama.

Commissioner Jimmar was known by many as a bearer of wisdom. For nearly three decades he served as a mentor for so many, instilling in each of them the importance of passion in service and a love for the work they do.

He paved the way for others to follow, from being the first Black county commissioner to being the first Black teacher at Coffee High School in Florence, Alabama. Commissioner Jimmar also played a key role in fanning the Alabama Education Association by initially joining the preexisting white teacher's association. He would then spend 43 years with AEA advocating for educators and staff in the state.

Words used to describe Commissioner Jimmar have included "a pillar in the Shoals community," and "a mentor, advisor, supporter, and friend." I know that Commissioner Jimmar was all of such and more. The legacy of his avowed service in Alabama will thrive as the communities he has touched continue to grow and benefit from his work.

Commissioner Jimmar leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 59 years, Mrs. Elsa Jimmar, and his two children Kevin and La'Kiska Jimmar; special daughter-in-law Pammie Jimmar; grandsons KC Jimmar and Dallas Jimmar; sisters Martha (Puddin) Stewart and Carrie Jimmar; and brother, Reginald (Tiffany) Hughes and stepsister Debbie Winston. Devoted nephews and nieces, Renita (LaBron) Jimmar-Hall; Myron (Sherry) Hughes; Kimberly Stewart; Kharis Hughes; Nephew Carlton (Verda) Ross; brother-in-law Don Wells (Carol); sisters-in-law Annie Wells and Aurelia Wells, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

I ask that you join me in honoring Emmit Jimmar and help commemorate his lifetime of service as an inspiration for others as they follow in his footsteps on the lasting path he paved.

RECOGNITION OF THE AWARD OF
THE GREENFIELD RECORDER'S
2021 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR TO
CAROLYN SHORES NESS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn Shores Ness, the Greenfield Recorder's 2021 Citizen of the Year. Carolyn is a proud resident of the Second District of Massachusetts and has served her community of Deerfield, and beyond, for many years.

In her 18 years as a member of the Deerfield Selectboard, Carolyn has served on various committees through which she has made a great impact. She has worked to secure grant funding for Deerfield and to support the programs that most benefit the town. Since 2014, she has been leading the charge to revitalize downtown Deerfield and transform it into a booming destination. Carolyn wants to make her town a safe and walkable place where businesses can thrive.

Her aspirations are clear—Carolyn Shores Ness wants to create community. And Madam Speaker, Carolyn is unique in that she does the work to realize her vision.

In addition to her tenure on the Selectboard, Carolyn has served as the Chair of the Deerfield Board of Health and the Co-Chair of the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition. Through her actions and advocacy, Carolyn has worked to keep the people in our community healthy and safe, especially as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

She has been a member of many councils and commissions, including the Western Massachusetts Homeland Security Council, the Regional Emergency Planning Council, and the Deerfield Green Infrastructure Committee. Carolyn has been a staunch advocate for sustainable and efficient improvements to local infrastructure. Her advocacy exemplifies her unwavering commitment to both service and community.

Madam Speaker, Carolyn has consistently worked to improve our community and bring people together. She is respectful and engaged and values hearing different points of view in order to best advocate for what our community truly needs. She has an incredible gift for collaborating with others to produce creative and effective solutions. Carolyn embodies what it means to be a public servant and Massachusetts is all the better for it.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Massachusetts, I would like to thank Carolyn Shores Ness for her longstanding service and congratulate her on being named the Greenfield Recorder's 2021 Citizen of the Year.

HONORING BRODIE MICHAEL
FOSTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brodie Michael Foster. Brodie is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brodie has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brodie has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 27 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brodie has completed Boy Scouts of America's National Youth Leadership Training, served in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has camped a total of 59 nights. Brodie has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Brodie checked Darns for Erosion Control at the City of Glenaire City Park which took 87.5 hours of service to complete.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brodie Michael Foster for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DENNIS R. GROFF

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis R. Groff who is retiring after more than thirty years of service to Paradise Township, located in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania's Eleventh District. A lifelong resident of Paradise, Dennis has dedicated

much of his life to serving his community, holding a number of leadership roles over the years. Just to name a few, he has served as Paradise's Emergency Management Coordinator, Roadmaster, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, all the while volunteering at a fire company in the community. He gives his phone number to anyone within Paradise who may need it, making sure that every resident of the township is looked after. Dennis represents the best of our country: people who are willing to give so much to their communities so that they can be better places to live, work, and raise a family.

I extend my sincere thanks to Dennis for his service and wish him an enjoyable retirement.

IN HONOR OF JEFF AZZOPARDI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi on the occasion of his retirement. After almost 30 years of service with the department, Chief Azzopardi has decided that it is time for a new chapter in his life that will allow him to spend more time with his family. That desire particularly resonates with me this year because I announced my own retirement from a job I love to spend more time with my family.

I had the great honor to work with Chief Azzopardi since he was appointed in 2014. One of the more memorable occasions was a press conference in 2017 in which we announced the first-ever conviction for human trafficking in San Mateo County. That success reflected the outstanding collaboration of law enforcement, elected officials, and nonprofit organizations on the local, state, and federal level. Chief Azzopardi played an essential role in that collaboration.

Jeff Azzopardi was hired as a police recruit for the South San Francisco Police Department and sworn in as an officer in 1993. From there he rose through the ranks of K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. officer, school community liaison officer, police corporal, criminal investigations bureau officer, police sergeant, community relations sergeant, police lieutenant, criminal investigations bureau commander, and police captain. After the retirement of former Chief Mike Massoni in 2014, the department conducted a nationwide search and selected Jeff Azzopardi as its new chief in September of that year. No matter the role, Jeff is dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community. He leads by example and always strives for excellence.

During his time with the department, he successfully completed the Inner Perspectives Leadership Program, LAPD Leadership Program, and POST Executive Development course. He holds a number of certifications from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. He also is the former president of the San Mateo County Commanders Group, the president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and the Chief of the North Central Regional S.W.A.T. Team and Commissioner for the South San Francisco Commission on Racial and Social Equity. Chief Azzopardi un-

derstands the importance of community relations and has been a leader on several community oriented policing projects. He tirelessly emphasized the importance of building bridges between his department and our community.

His outstanding service did not go unnoticed. He received numerous awards and honors, including a certificate of commendation from the police department for his work as a sexual assault investigator, a certificate of commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, a lifetime achievement award from the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Carl Valero Lifetime Achievement Award from Pacifica American Little League, and Police Officer of the Year from the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association.

Born in San Francisco, Jeff attended Terra Nova High School in Pacifica and then received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Chico State University and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University.

As South San Francisco's Top Cop is leaving his post, he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 21 years, Nikole, and their sons Nat and Drew.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise with me to thank Chief Azzopardi for keeping South San Francisco one of the safest and most innovative cities in the Bay Area. His exemplary leadership has earned him the respect and adoration of his colleagues and South City residents. His contributions over the last three decades will outlast his service.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. JAMES L. LEE

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Dr. James L. Lee of Conway, South Carolina.

In June of 1922, Dr. Lee was appointed to a small country church of only a few people. Under his strong leadership, Catoe Chapel Church of God in Christ has grown to be one of the largest churches in Kershaw County, with over two hundred active members. Throughout the community, Dr. Lee is known as a dynamic preacher and prolific teacher of God's word, and he lives exactly by what he preaches.

Although he lived in Conway, Dr. Lee abided by his faith and took the helm of leading this small ministry, believing God would use him to take the church to insurmountable heights. God did exactly that and more. Dr. Lee even inspired church members to build a beautiful new edifice, seated off Highway 341.

Dr. Lee's guidance and wisdom has aided and encouraged countless families through difficult times. He has helped families find housing assistance, student scholarships, and numerous community enrichment and outreach programs. Despite dealing with his own health challenges, Dr. Lee has remained committed to his ministry and the church. His life as a servant of the Lord is so deeply evident in how he cares for those around him.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Dr. James L. Lee for his thirty

years of faithful service. He is a true example of a servant leader and has been a tremendous resource to our community. May God continue to bless Dr. Lee and his family.

COMMEMORATING DR. TERRY SINCLAIR

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dr. Terry Sinclair of Winchester, one of the most respected physicians in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. Dr. Sinclair passed away on November 26th.

Dr. Sinclair is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Diane, two daughters, one son, and eight grandchildren. Diane tells us, "he loved his family passionately, we laughed, we had fabulous experiences. We were blessed." In any setting, whether as a physician, administrator, musician, or community leader, he was known for his compassionate and caring nature.

As a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Michigan Medical School, he then completed his surgical residency at the University of Missouri. He then went on to serve his country for two years with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Moving to Winchester in 1974, he first practiced vascular and general surgery. However, his service in the Navy during Vietnam provided him with a significant amount of experience in trauma-related surgery, and he began to develop an expertise in the field. During that same time period, he joined the staff at Winchester Medical Center and eventually became vice president of medical affairs for the hospital's corporate parent, Valley Health. By 1976, he was at the forefront of bringing Emergency Medical Services to the area, serving as President of the Lord Fairfax EMS Council for twenty years, and as a member of the governor's EMS Advisory Board and Virginia Federation of EMS Councils.

Since the 1970s saw the creation and development of some of the original free health clinics, it meant that those who were unemployed, uninsured, or couldn't afford medical help could receive treatment. On October 23rd, 1986, Dr. Sinclair spearheaded the opening of the Free Medical Clinic, now known as the Sinclair Health Clinic. Today, the Sinclair Health Clinic is the second-oldest free medical clinic in Virginia.

The current director of the clinic notes that, "His legacy is woven into the memories of everyone he's touched in the clinic—all of the people who work here, the volunteers that make things happen and the thousands of patients who have passed through our doors."

As his loving wife Diane said to him gently in his final moments, "it was OK to go. Well done now, good, and faithful servant. You can rest."

Dr. Sinclair will be missed by the many lives he touched.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELLE
MARTINEZ

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michelle Martinez, Detroit resident and environmental justice warrior from Michigan's 13th District Strong as she departs as executive director from the Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition.

For many years, Michelle has been a pillar of our community, advocating for clean air and water, and fighting the environmental racism that hurts our neighbors' quality of life. Michelle has drawn inspiration to pursue this work from her travels, studies, and the community where she lives. She has worked tirelessly for various organizations over the past fifteen years and has never wavered in seeking justice for the people who live with the effects of pollution.

I worked closely with Michelle on a number of initiatives when I served in the Michigan State Legislature and have continued our relationship through my time in Congress, and it has been amazing to see her grow as an advocate and leader. Whether it's fighting to route truck traffic and diesel emissions away from residential neighborhoods or helping to bring national attention to adverse health effects in Michigan's most polluted neighborhood, Michelle has led the way in finding solutions. She always taken a bold approach to making transformative change for our communities and never shies away from a challenge. Michelle is a shining example of what it means to speak truth to power, and we are so fortunate to have her in our lives.

Please join me in recognizing Michelle Martinez's outstanding contributions to the communities of Michigan's 13th Congressional District as we wish her well on her next venture.

**HONORING CHAIRMAN HARVEY
GODWIN, JR. OF THE LUMBEE
TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR
HIS EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP
AND SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY**

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Harvey Godwin, Jr., for his exceptional leadership and service in his community and as Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Chairman Godwin went on to become the owner and CEO of both Two Hawk Employment Services, LLC and Two Hawk Workforce Services. He has also held many leadership positions on state and local boards and committees, including the positions of Chairman for the Robeson Community College Foundation Board of Directors

and Secretary of the North Carolina Workforce Development Board Association. Chairman Godwin's impressive background in management was a real asset during his tenure as Tribal Chairman.

Since the start of his tenure in 2016, Chairman Godwin's vision and leadership has served to strengthen, protect, and uplift the Lumbee Tribe. To further preserve Lumbee culture and history, he restored the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center in a project that featured the construction of a new playground and community garden as well as renovations to the swimming pool and amphitheater. His leadership has also proved paramount for the physical and economic security of the tribe. Most notably, he administered essential hurricane relief efforts and secured over \$58 million in federal funding, including Title VI funding from U.S. Housing and Urban Development for the construction of many new homes across Lumbee territory. Furthermore, Chairman Godwin's consistent advocacy played a pivotal role in passage of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Recognition Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. I was honored to play a small role. He has built and maintained bipartisan relationships in Washington that I believe will eventually result in the Lumbee Tribe finally being granted the federal recognition that is long overdue.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Chairman Godwin for his committed and impactful leadership. I speak for our entire community in wishing him and his family continued success and happiness.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Harvey Godwin, Jr. for his six years of service as Lumbee Tribe Chairman and lifelong commitment to supporting his community.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE
ZEPPIERI**

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn and observe the passing of a passionate family man and faithful community servant, Dr. Joe Zeppieri of Groton, Connecticut. A dedicated member involved in local politics, Joe passed away on December 4, 2021 after 77 full and loving years. His loss is significant for the Town of Groton.

Born to Paul Zeppieri and Ella Buonanno Zeppieri in 1943, Joe was destined to live an accomplished life with a strong sense of duty. He was a lifelong learner who graduated from Groton's own Fitch High School and went on to attend several institutions of higher education including Providence College, Tufts University School of Medicine, and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine before immersing himself with a career in the medical field. Within those years of schooling, Joe was able to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart, Paula, who would shortly thereafter become Mrs. Zeppieri in 1967. Grounded by these roots, Joe went on to serve our country in the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander as both a doctor on the USS *John Marshall* and then chief medical officer on the USS *Fulton*.

Upon completing his stint in the Navy, Dr. Zeppieri settled back down in the Town of Groton. He used his penchant for knowledge to help other people with their own health and well-being, working in the field of orthopedic surgery all the way into the new millennium.

Of course, simply one field of expertise would never have been sufficient for someone such as Joe. Upon his retirement from the medical field, Dr. Zeppieri reinvigorated his passion for education. He completely shifted gears, working hard to obtain yet another degree from Western New England—this time, in the field of law. Paula and the family remained his rock during this period, and he was sure to gravitate back home every week while working to achieve his new merits. After obtaining a JD from Western New England, Joe worked at the local law firm of Stephen M. Reck and Scott D. Camassar before opening his own firm. He operated in the incredibly complicated field of medical malpractice, adding another notch to his belt of service by advocating on behalf of those who received improper healthcare in the courtroom. As a retired doctor himself, Zeppieri had a perspective that enabled him to become a natural success in this new line of work and hold his former industry to fair standards.

Outside of the courtroom, Joe Zeppieri's care for his fellow community members really began to shine through into his latest years. He always had his finger on the pulse of Groton, leading him to municipal service on the City of Groton's Board of Zoning Appeals. In 2017, he was elected town councilor—a form of service that he would keep up with until his final days. Fellow Groton residents and stakeholders that were lucky enough to have known or collaborated with Joe can attest to his loving character, his integrity, dependable expertise, fairness, and ability to keep the discussion level-headed. At the end of the day, Joe was someone who could be relied upon to advocate for and focus the discussion on the community services that held the greatest impact on the health and vibrance of the Groton community.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to know of constituents as dedicated as Dr. Joe Zeppieri. Joe's service to his community has taken several forms—whether it was through the Navy, medical field, courtroom, or municipal government. His greatest contributions, however, originated from his honed expertise, which enabled him to change the lives of countless individuals forever. Though we mourn the void left in his wake, we ought to remember Joe's lifelong contributions and the value he placed in the things that truly have an impact on people's lives for the better. In that sense, we should also find gratitude in the strength of Joe's family ties and trust that his surviving family—his wife Paula, children Christopher, Michael, and Laura and their respective partners, and nine grandchildren—and his fellow community members will reverberate the memory and legacy of Joseph Zeppieri for generations to come. To assist in this endeavor, I ask that my colleagues and the House join me in setting Joseph Zeppieri's memory further into stone, and thank him for his life full of love and service.

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ACCOMPANYING H.R. 4350

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise as Congress considers the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 to highlight a concern with some language in the House Armed Services Committee Report accompanying H.R. 4350 that passed this chamber earlier this year, and which I voted to support. Included in the House bill's report is direction to the Secretary of Defense to study and issue a report on "DoD Logistics and Potential Benefits of Carsharing" for servicemembers. In carrying out the study, I believe the Department of Defense must objectively evaluate not only potential benefits, but also potential risks peer-to-peer car-sharing might pose to our servicemembers and families. For example, I am concerned about potential predatory lending practices to the extent that peer-to-peer car-sharing platforms encourage individual vehicle owners to go out and acquire vehicles for the sole purpose of renting a small "fleet" of vehicles on such platforms; the collection and remission of transactional sales and excise taxes on behalf of vehicle owners in states without laws expressly requiring the platform to do so, which could impact a servicemember's tax liability; and, cybersecurity for servicemembers or their families' personal and financial data. The bottom line is that I believe the Department of Defense, in carrying out the study described in the House Armed Services Committee Report accompanying H.R. 4350, must consider potential risks, in addition to the potential benefits, of peer-to-peer carsharing among our servicemembers.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. ELOIS LEWIS EDGE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Elois Lewis Edge of Albany, Georgia, who will be retiring after a distinguished, 43-year career as a nurse, midwife, and instructor serving the families and communities of Southwest Georgia.

Dr. Edge has been a Certified Nurse Midwife at Albany Area Primary Health since 2009. Before that, she worked at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital for 30 years. In these positions, Dr. Edge earned the gratitude of thousands of expectant mothers for her skillful assistance, compassionate care, and warm personality.

Dr. Edge also attained distinction in academia as well. She earned her Associate Arts in Nursing at Darton State University in Albany, which was followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Georgia Southwestern University in Americus, Georgia; a Certificate of Midwifery from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky; a Master of Science in Nursing from Case

Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio; and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Kentucky. While Dr. Edge was receiving her degrees, she was teaching future generations of medical professionals at Georgia Southwestern University and Frontier Nursing University.

Shirley Chisholm often said that: "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Dr. Edge paid her rent and she paid it well. The world is a much brighter place due to the thousands of children Dr. Edge has helped usher into the world, either directly as a midwife, or by virtue of the instruction she provided to the scores of midwives and nurses who learned their trade from her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the over 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in honoring Dr. Elois Lewis Edge on her outstanding career and upon the occasion of her retirement. We wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life.

RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEXICAN AMERICANS

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans.

For 50 years, AAMA has helped Latinos achieve their potential.

AAMA has motivated Latino youth to finish school and encouraged many to go on to college.

As a Mexican American, I know first-hand how important it is to have someone fighting for you on your path to success.

AAMA has always fought for every single one of our children, especially the most at risk and marginalized among us. Truly never has one been forgotten or left out.

For half a century, if you were working for the greater good in Houston's East End, then you have been a part of AAMA's work or been a fruit of AAMA's labor.

AAMA has helped unlock the American Dream for countless American Latinos. It has established itself as the heart of the Houston community.

So today, I want to thank everyone who has served at AAMA for their incredible passion and dedication.

Your service to the Latino community has been extraordinary.

I look forward to what the next 50 years will bring to the AAMA and to Latinos everywhere.

SALUTING FIT'S CYBERSECURITY TEAM FOR EXTRAORDINARY FIRST PLACE FINISH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Florida Institute of Technology's

Cyber League Team, FITSEC, for their extraordinary perfect score and first place finish in the Fall 2021 National Cyber League team tournament on November 7, 2021.

The National Cyber League team tournament is a biannual national competition in which 650 institutions around the country face off to solve simulations of real-life cybersecurity problems. The National Cyber League assesses a team's ability to address nine critical cybersecurity workforce categories outlined in the NIST NICE Cybersecurity Framework and the NSA Knowledge Units. This year more than 3,900 teams competed, with our hometown team clinching the victory.

The Florida Institute of Technology of Melbourne, FL, in my district, is leading the way in cybersecurity research and education and has been recognized as a National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE-R) in Cyber Defense Research.

Their rigorous undergraduate Cyber Operations Concentration, modeled after the NSA Cyber Operations Knowledge Units, is developing bright young minds that will most certainly be among our nation's future leaders. It is good to know that students right here in Brevard County will soon help solve the problems of tomorrow, like countering unchecked foreign threats and filling the shortages in this growing field already identified by the federal government.

The 2021 Florida Institute of Technology's team was coached by Dr. TJ O'Connor and consisted of two graduate and five undergraduate students in Computer Science, including Blake Janes, Carl Mann, Dave Breeden, Isaiah Thomas, Logan Suarez, Stephanie Wood, and Tiffanie Petersen.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating FIT and these student leaders on their outstanding accomplishments and wish them every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE BAY SPRINGS BULLDOGS AS MHSAA 1A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Bay Springs Bulldogs and Coach Dan Brady on their MHSAA 1A State Championship victory. Although the Bulldogs have reached the playoffs multiple times, Coach Brady led the talented team to a 32-12 victory over Simmons High School. I commend Coach Brady for his success at the helm of the Bulldogs football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them

to remember the qualities that made them champions.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and nation.

Congratulations to the Bay Springs Bulldogs. They earned this victory.

HONORING LESLIE WILLIAMS

HON. DEBORAH K. ROSS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of my constituent Leslie Williams. Leslie recently achieved a wonderful milestone in her career in real estate by being named the 2022 President of the Raleigh Association of Realtors.

Leslie has been a resident of North Carolina for 20 years, and has over 30 years of sales, marketing, customer service, and management experience. She also has a Masters degree in Business Administration and has attained several real estate certifications throughout her career.

In addition to her professional achievements, Leslie is dedicated to volunteering, mentorship, and ensuring homeownership for all. I am so proud to represent a constituent who is committed to supporting these important efforts in our community, and I look forward to hearing more about her work in the future and collaborate to improve our community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PREPARE + PROSPER

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the staff and volunteers of Prepare + Prosper as they celebrate their 50th year of service to Minnesota taxpayers. Prepare + Prosper is a nonprofit organization working to build financial health and expand access to quality tax and financial services for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Through their efforts they have helped countless Minnesotans navigate the tax system, and in 2019 alone, they helped over 12,000 taxpayers file returns free of charge.

Prepare + Prosper was founded in 1971 by a small group of economic justice-oriented accountants who began to provide free accounting services to small business owners. Soon after, they also started to provide free individual tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. Over the years they have grown into an organization with just over 20 year-round staff members and more than 600 volunteers, and have expanded the reach of their free tax filing services and broadened their offerings to include financial coaching and access to financial products.

Two of their current program offerings are Money Mentors and Financial Access in Reach (FAIR) Financial Solution. Money Mentors provides one-on-one mentoring with a financial coach and a network of peers to help participants create a plan for their financial future and ultimately reach their financial goals. Prepare + Prosper partnered with Sunrise Banks to reimagine banking with their FAIR Financial Solution program. This initiative gives low-income families access to checking and savings accounts as well as a small-loan program at low cost, while also providing an alternative to check-cashing operators and payday lenders.

In the Twin Cities, more than 194,000 households are excluded from the financial mainstream according to the FDIC, meaning that they may have unpredictable income, lack of access to checking and savings accounts or to affordable credit or loans. On top of this, many households experienced financial stress brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic or needed help to navigate the system and receive their Economic Impact Payments or Child Tax Credits.

The staff and volunteers at Prepare + Prosper are an extremely valuable asset to the community as they help Minnesotans overcome these barriers that still exist when seeking greater economic opportunity. And as part of their effort to bridge these gaps, Prepare + Prosper engages in advocacy work to advance policies and practices that will directly benefit people with low- to moderate-incomes when it comes to tax credits, consumer protection and asset-building. They also partner with other community organizations to spread the word about their services and to reach those who may be eligible for benefits like the Child Tax Credit which helps lift families out of poverty.

Prepare + Prosper is led today by Executive Director Suyapa Miranda who joined the organization in the spring of 2021 and will lead them into the next 50 years of service with a focus on closing the economic wealth gap in Minnesota by concentrating on developing and implementing programs that serve communities most impacted by systemic economic injustice.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Prepare + Prosper as they celebrate 50 years of upholding their mission of building financial well-being through offering free tax preparation and financial services, and by changing systems to create economic opportunity for all.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER'S EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

In September 1921, the Eastman School of Music opened its doors with an inaugural

class of 104 students. Through the efforts of its founder, George Eastman of Eastman Kodak Company, longtime director Howard Hanson, and University of Rochester President Rush Rhees, the school became a leader in American music education dedicated to the highest levels of artistry and scholarship.

The following year, the school's largest performance venue, the iconic Eastman Theatre, was opened. Inscribed on its facade is Mr. Eastman's vision, "For the enrichment of community life." In the years since, the theatre has hosted some of the world's greatest musicians, including composers Aaron Copland, Igor Stravinsky and John Williams; jazz musicians Duke Ellington, Wynton Marsalis, and Eastman alumnus Ron Carter; and classical luminaries Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, and Eastman alumna, Renée Fleming. It is the main performing venue of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and hosts many community concerts, lectures, and events. It is also the venue and location of choice for many national and international festivals including The CGI Rochester International Jazz Festival, KeyBank Rochester Fringe Festival, and more.

The Eastman Community Music School, also founded in 1921, is continuing to honor Mr. Eastman's dream, offering music lessons, ensembles, classes, and workshops to students of all ages and financial means each year. Eastman also provides tuition-free lessons and music instruction to Rochester City School District students, many of whom go on to study at Eastman as well as at other top music schools.

Eastman has distinguished itself as an innovator in music and culture, developing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in the 1950s and becoming the first music school to formally offer courses in entrepreneurial thinking and leadership studies through its Institute for Music Leadership. Eastman's Sibley Music Library is the largest collegiate music library in North America with nearly 750,000 items, including many manuscripts, first-editions, and vast resources for performance and research. Eastman Performing Arts Medicine is a recent pioneering partnership between Eastman and the University of Rochester Medical Center to connect world-class performing arts with medicine.

Today, the Eastman School of Music enrolls nearly 900 undergraduate and graduate students from almost every state and many countries around the world, led by 95 faculty members. Its alumni include many Pulitzer, Tony, Grammy, and Emmy Award winners.

Over the last one hundred years, the Eastman School of Music's premier programs and magnificent facilities have become a powerful cultural force not only in Rochester, New York, but across the United States and around the world. It is an honor to represent this fine institution and to support efforts over the years to strengthen this extraordinary school for many generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music on its centennial. Its service and contributions to Rochester, New York State, and arts and culture around the world will always be celebrated.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HARLAN
BIBLE DONATION TO CONGRESS

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the good work and friendship of the American Judicial Alliance. AJA and its founder, Judge Darrell White, have been working tirelessly to introduce the tradition of the Harlan Bible by donating these Bibles to our nation's courtrooms and institutions, including to this chamber. Justice John Marshall Harlan set this precedent by donating his very own Bible to the Supreme Court back in 1906, and since then, every justice has signed this Bible after taking the oath of office.

Justice Harlan is probably best known for being the "Great Dissenter" and specifically for his role as the lone dissenter in *Plessy v. Ferguson*'s unjust 'separate but equal' precedent. His personal transformation made him an impassioned supporter for civil rights during his 34 years on the Court.

It was Justice Harlan who stated: "Our constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law."

By donating these Harlan Bibles, AJA is honoring the legacy of Justice Harlan's fight for justice, recognizing that our inalienable rights come directly from our Creator, and restoring faith in our Nation's courtrooms. May God continue to bless the American Judicial Alliance as it endeavors to share the Harlan Bible and its important message of justice, mercy, and faith to the American people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 9, 2021, I missed roll call votes No. 439 and 440 due to the effects of the ongoing public health emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on 439 and "nay" on 440.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
DR. ANDREW HUGINE, JR. AS
PRESIDENT OF ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL
UNIVERSITY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., the 11th President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (Alabama A&M University), who is retiring on December 31, 2021, after 12 wonderful years of service to the University and the surrounding community. Dr. Hugine obtained his bachelor's

and master's degrees in mathematics from South Carolina State University. He went on to earn his doctorate in Higher Education and Institutional Research from Michigan State University.

Prior to his tenure at Alabama A&M University, Dr. Hugine served as the President of South Carolina State University and held numerous positions in education including Interim Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; Director of Special Services Program; Director of University Year for Action Program—a service-learning program; Research Fellow; Assistant and Director of Institutional Self-Study; Professor of Mathematics and high school mathematics teacher. Dr. Hugine has been recognized both nationally and internationally for his leadership in education and adept administrative skills.

Under the exceptional guidance of Dr. Hugine, Alabama A&M University has made many advancements. By making bold financial decisions, increasing academic programs, and fostering tenacious alumni and student connections, Dr. Hugine dedicated himself to ensuring that the university is more competitive in the 21st century.

Partnering with various organizations including, those of the National Pan-Hellenic Council along with the support of public and private entities, helped the university gain additional streams of external funding to increase financial opportunities for prospective students. As a result of Dr. Hugine's efforts, the university increased its total endowment by almost 50 million dollars, completing its first-ever capital campaign raising over 27 million dollars, and establishing the Normal Legacy Society, which has contributed over 5 million dollars to the university.

Along with financial improvements, academic programs have shown tremendously growth under Dr. Hugine's tenure. Nine new academic programs were formed, including Animal Bio-Health Technology, Communication Specialist, Construction Management, and many more to give the students versatility while pursuing the careers they desire. As a result of these academic developments, there have been record-breaking highs in Alabama A&M University's recent fall enrollment with 1,690 students enrolling into the freshman class.

Increasing pride in this historic institution remained a focal point of Dr. Hugine's presidency. With the vision of First Lady Abbiegail Hugine and the help of the Bulldog Pride Committee, several initiatives were implemented to beautify the campus, enhance customer service, promote character development, and increase the wearing of Alabama A&M University paraphernalia as a display of pride. Other incredible programs and scholarships were established such as the "Quad," a program focused on student activities, the First Lady's Endowed Scholarship Program, and the Normalite Walkway Pavers' Scholarship.

Under the direction of Dr. Hugine Alabama A&M University has strengthened its nurturing environment for students to thrive and become remarkable contributors to society. Although I know he will continue to serve his community through volunteering, I sincerely hope that his retirement is filled with the joy of becoming a new grandparent and spending time with family and friends.

On a personal note, I was privileged to get to know Dr. Hugine and to witness first-hand his remarkable leadership as President of Alabama A&M University. Dr. Hugine is a visionary leader, dynamic educator, effective administrator, solid steward of the University's finance, and true champion of the students, faculty, alumni, and trustees of Alabama A&M University. Under his twelve-year tenure as the 11th President of Alabama A&M University, Dr. Hugine made a lasting contribution to the education and administration of AAMU. Upon his retirement, his legacy will continue to live on in the numerous lives that he impacted and the outstanding contributions that AAMU students will make to this Nation. I wish him and his lovely wife Abbiegail, of over 40 years, much success in their future endeavors. They have truly been a blessing and left an indelible mark on the State of Alabama. For all he has done, we thank him for his exemplary service.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and service of Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., and his contributions as President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

HONORING 175 YEARS OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF LANSING

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing as they gather to celebrate 175 years of continuous faith and service.

Founded on December 17, 1847, First Presbyterian Church is the oldest, formally-constituted church in the city. At the time of its founding, Lansing's residents were unified against slavery and the city served as a secondary stop on the Underground Railroad. The First Presbyterian faith community were among these early advocates for abolition and when the Civil War broke out, strongly supported Michigan troops who joined to defend the Union. The women of First Presbyterian Church cooked, washed clothes, and wrote letters home for those who could not write. Meanwhile, from the church pulpit, Rev. Chester S. Armstrong, urged local farmers to do their part and increase their harvests to feed the Union Army.

After the war, the congregation continued to lead the way for social justice. They were the principal sponsor and supporter of the first African-American Sabbath School in Lansing, which later became the African Methodist Episcopal Church which was founded in 1879. At the turn of the century, when outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, and malaria ravaged the most vulnerable residents in Lansing, First Presbyterian was a key proponent of improving sanitary living conditions. In addition to partnering with the YMCA to support the city's youth, church members were invested in the common welfare of the needy, caring for neighbors who could not work or those whose wages weren't enough to feed their families.

As the city of Lansing grew, so did the First Presbyterian Church congregation. From its new home beside the state Capitol, pastors

and elders occupied prominent positions in the community. During the Great Depression, when charity was so desperately needed, the church distributed food and clothing to the poor and provided care for indigent children. It's essential work that continues to this day—feeding thousands of people through its food pantry.

Madam Speaker, Lansing's First Presbyterian Church is a key player in interfaith and inter-racial fellowship. It serves as a refuge and a sanctuary for several community based-service organizations who truly do God's work in our state capital. They host weekly forums for residents to come together and enrich their understanding of the church's history and tradition while also providing a venue for civic and academic leaders to meet with the community and answer questions on topics relevant to their lives. First Presbyterian supports artists, musicians, charities, and more—truly living up to its commitment as a strong community of faith and a positive agent for social justice and human welfare.

The theme for their 175th anniversary celebration is: "a diverse Christian community inspired by its heritage, renewed in faith and outreach, and dedicated to peace and justice." It is a noble cause for a noble faith community and it is my privilege to recognize First Presbyterian Church of Lansing with these words in the People's House. May they last as a fitting tribute to its 175 years of service and guide the way for the next 175 years to come.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPTON-NEWPORT NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board on its 50th anniversary.

The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board was established in 1971 by the Virginia General Assembly and by resolutions passed by the city councils of Hampton and Newport News. The organization's mission was to provide services to families and communities affected by mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. I want to congratulate and thank Natale Ward Christian, the current Executive Director, as well as her predecessors: Joe Allen, Steven Capo, Howard Cullum, and Charles Hall for their years of service and dedication to our community.

The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board is a source of support for the Hampton-Newport News community. The tireless work of the organization has improved the quality of life for countless people on the Virginia Peninsula. For fifty years, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has achieved results because of continued partnership with individuals, family members, advocates and local service agencies. Since the board's creation, it has grown to become an agency with over 80 programs and now serves thousands of individuals every year.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the leadership and staff of the Hampton-Newport News

Community Services Board for fifty years of continued service to the citizens of Hampton and Newport News. It is through the hard work and dedication of the board and its leadership, as well as the involvement of members of our community, that make Hampton Roads such a great place to live, work and raise a family. I wish for many more years of continued success, so the board can keep up the important work of providing its critical services for those who need it most.

ROB GREEN RETIREMENT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, today I rise to salute a dedicated public servant and friend. After working for a series of Members of the House, including Rep. Bill Goodling, Rob Green first served the Education and Workforce Committee from 1995 to 2001. Rob rejoined the Committee four years ago and has been an invaluable leader of the GOP workforce team ever since.

As Director of Workforce Policy, Rob has worked tirelessly to protect the rights of workers and employers alike. He has dedicated years of his life to fighting for free market principles and to seeing that our country stays a self-governed Republic. Whether we have been in the majority or in the minority, Rob has made addressing federal overreach a top priority and has never been afraid to hold federal agencies accountable.

Rob's consummate professionalism when working with Members of Congress as well as with Democrat staff has allowed us to pass bipartisan bills such as the Retirement Improvement and Savings Enhancement Act (RISE), which will help many Americans prepare for a more secure future.

Rob's work was also pivotal in helping us pass a ban on surprise billing. This fight for transparency in our medical system has been a passion of Rob's and will help millions of struggling Americans.

Rob's influence has also extended beyond the Committee. GOP leadership has relied on Rob to shape policy in the labor arena, ensuring that the American worker's voice gets heard. His relationship with lawmakers and staff throughout the House has allowed the Committee to flourish and accomplish a tremendous amount.

Too often populist lobbies have an out-sized influence over politics in Washington. Rob's work on this Committee ensured that the voices of job creators and small business owners were heard.

I, myself, have relied on Rob's expertise and keen eye for strategy to further this Committee's mission, and I will miss his support. Thankfully, his expertise will live on in the team that he has led and mentored for four years.

I commend Rob for his many accomplishments and for his selfless service to this country. It is because of dedicated public servants like Rob, standing in the gap and defending our Republic, that we have a chance at reclaiming the vision our Founding Fathers had for this Nation.

I truly congratulate Rob on his retirement, he has earned it.

HONORING VETERANS OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of our Korean War veterans, who fought so bravely to repel an invasion intended to overthrow the government of the Republic of Korea and subjugate its people to authoritarian rule.

On June 25, 1950, the armed forces of North Korea attacked South Korea with the goal of imposing a totalitarian regime on the men, women and children living south of the 38th parallel at the demarcation line of the two countries. That same day, the Security Council of the United Nations unanimously condemned this violation of South Korean sovereignty, and two days later published Resolution 83, which authorized the use of force by member states to repel the invasion. President Truman immediately sent United States troops to assist in responding to this aggression, but the conflict rapidly expanded to include armed forces from the People's Republic of China. After three years of bloody struggle, and the deaths of nearly 37,000 members of the Armed Forces of United States and millions of Korean civilians, an armistice was signed by the governments of North Korea, the People's Republic of China and the United States ending hostilities and establishing a demilitarized zone at the 38th parallel to formalize the existence of North and South Korea.

The Korean War is often referred to as the "Forgotten War," as contemporaneous news coverage was censored, and its three years of conflict were overshadowed by the Second World War and the war in Vietnam. Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, however, liked to display in his Pentagon office a night-time satellite image of the Korean peninsula. This image, which revealed a thriving, brightly lit South Korea and a pitch-black North Korea emblematic of the painful suffering of its citizens, was kept on display by Mr. Rumsfeld to remind himself and his visitors that the sacrifices of our veterans were not forgotten by, and had a transformative impact on, the people of South Korea.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the brave veterans of the Korean War as we approach the seventh decade since the 1953 armistice ending the conflict. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we honor our veterans' courage and their sacrifices to preserve peace and the blessings of liberty for an important ally and for the men, women and children who live in the Republic of South Korea.

CONGRATULATING THE MORIAH VIKINGS ON A VALIANT EFFORT IN THE NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Moriah High School football team on an extraordinary season culminating in a great effort at the state championship game.

For the third season in a row, the Moriah Vikings earned a spot in the state championship game at the Syracuse Carrier Dome. Led by Coach Don Tesar, the Vikings rose to the challenge of the semifinal game and overcame adversity after trailing at halftime. Their efficient offense converted three possessions into three touchdowns in the third quarter. The Vikings carried this energy and the record of an undefeated season into the state championship.

The Moriah Vikings put up a valiant effort against the Tioga Tigers during the Class D New York State Championship, where they came just short of winning their first state title. Thanks to a tremendous effort put forward by the defense, the Vikings only gave up seven points in the first half. Their perseverance and determination are truly inspirational and worthy of celebration.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Moriah Vikings on their incredible 2021 season. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication throughout this year.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR TOM
BERNARD

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to Tom Bernard, a devoted public servant, for all that he has accomplished during his tenure as Mayor of the City of North Adams, Massachusetts.

Mayor Bernard has invigorated the City of North Adams by expanding economic opportunities and fostering modern, future-oriented growth. His administration has focused on increasing green initiatives, with the integration of electric vehicles in the city's fleet, strategic action to decrease North Adams' carbon footprint, and launching the North Adams Tree Initiative. In addition, Mayor Bernard has been a staunch advocate for the marginalized in his community, working actively to increase diversity and inclusion initiatives within the city's government. Recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day in North Adams came largely as a product of Mayor Bernard's advocacy on these matters.

Mayor Bernard has put significant effort in updating critical infrastructure in the city of North Adams despite the many challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Bernard successfully replaced all the non-functioning and malfunctioning hydrants, while simultaneously overseeing a full reevaluation of the city's 60-year-old zoning laws, creating an avenue for much needed commerce in the city.

Madam Speaker, in light of Mayor Tom Bernard's many achievements and remarkable contributions to the City of North Adams and the western Massachusetts community, I wish to congratulate him once again on his successful tenure as Mayor of North Adams. He has undoubtedly played a pivotal role in shaping the development of North Adams for years to come, and I am delighted to join with his family, friends, and the entire North Adams

community in thanking him for his dedicated service.

CELEBRATING TECH SGT. JAMES
FRANK BOUCHER ON HIS 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate James Frank Boucher, of Murphysboro, Illinois, who celebrates his 100th birthday on January 4, 2022. Known as Frank to his friends and family, Mr. Boucher was born on January 4, 1922, in Grimsby, Illinois, to James and Lillie Boucher and grew up with his three siblings: Dorothy, Fred, and Bernie. After graduating high school, Frank entered World War II as a reconnaissance pilot in the Army Air Corps, flying a single engine Stinson L-5 in the Pacific Theater and rising to the rank of Technical Sergeant. His family's favorite story to tell regards when Tech Sergeant Boucher was MIA for 14 days. Frank landed on a sandbar and traveled by night from village to village along the river. Using his pointy-talk book, he was able to communicate with the locals, which allowed him to work his way back to Yunan to be transported to Kuming Air Base. He was back flying missions the next day. In 1946, Frank returned home and married his wife, Zidania Francis Ogden. They were blessed with three boys. After working for the United States Postal Service for over 30 years, Frank retired and spent his newfound free time teaching his sons how to hunt and fish, and the importance of church and family. Over the years, his family grew to six grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Frank's wife of 73 years passed away 2 years ago, but he's still certain to cherish every moment shared with his family. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Tech Sergeant James Frank Boucher on his milestone 100th birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, thank you for your service to our Nation and happy birthday.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
KEVIN RYAN

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kevin Ryan of Fishers for his dedicated service to Indiana's financial sector as he prepares to retire as CEO of Financial Center First Credit Union.

Kevin's credit union career spans decades dating back to the 1980s. Most notably, he has led Financial Center First CU as its CEO since 2009. During his years leading the Financial Center, the credit union has doubled in asset size to \$828 million, with membership growth also doubling to more than 80,000. To this end, Financial Center is one of the nation's leading credit unions in financial literacy

outreach, receiving national awards every year from 2014 to 2021 for those efforts.

Kevin's success with Financial Center made a tremendous impact on the lives of countless others in other ways, as well. Over the years, Financial Center raised hundreds of thousands of dollars through its annual golf outings to donate to organizations feeding the hungry, including the Mozel Sanders Foundation, the Salvation Army Food Pantry, and Gleaners Food Bank.

In addition to this work, Kevin sought a way to pay tribute to Hoosier veterans. So, he traveled to credit unions around the state to raise funds to construct the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame, which honors veterans with ties to Indiana. Now, generations of Hoosiers will have the opportunity to honor Indiana's heroes who fought to keep our country free.

I am proud to honor Kevin as a testament to his work and legacy. I thank Kevin for all that he has done for our state, and we wish him the best as he begins the next chapter of his life.

IN GRATITUDE OF SIGRID GRACE

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent and community leader in Michigan, Ms. Sigrid Grace.

Ms. Grace is a lifelong Michigander who graduated from Central Michigan University where she met her late husband John Grace during her freshman year.

As the Rochester Area Democratic Club Chair for over twenty-five years, Ms. Grace fostered and grew the club's membership, supporting many causes and candidates. Our community is deeply grateful for her many years of leadership at RADC, and we congratulate her on her recent retirement.

Ms. Grace's passion for education has no limits. She taught for forty years, most notably as a second-grade teacher in the Almont Community School District.

Furthermore, Ms. Grace served as the local bargaining president on behalf of local educators and as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention from 2000 to 2004. She later became the National Chair of the early childhood education caucus at the National Education Association, where she advocated for the importance of pre-kindergarten education.

Ms. Grace currently resides in Rochester Hills, Michigan, where she volunteers at various community events and teaches school children how to read with her Shetland sheepdog, Baron.

Fighting for Michigan teachers, Ms. Grace exemplifies what it means to be an educator and a community leader. Her work is inspiring and a positive example to many in Michigan and across the county.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the outstanding contributions Ms. Grace has made to Michigan, our teachers, students, and our country at large.

CONGRATULATING DEPUTY SECRETARY DOUG HOUSE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Doug House, who is retiring as Deputy Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation after two and a half years of service.

Throughout his life, in every action he has undertaken, Mr. House has selflessly served the public in pursuit of delivering a better Illinois. He has always been a fighter for meaningful change and produced real results for Illinoisans. His journey began in the Quad Cities region, when he graduated from Rockridge High School in Taylor Ridge, Illinois. Mr. House became a Staff Sergeant in the 182nd Airlift Wing of the Illinois Air National Guard in Peoria in 1980. He joined the 682nd Engineer Battalion of the U.S. Army Reserve in 1983, where he helped train heavy construction equipment operators to build roads until his honorable discharge in 1986. Mr. House's commitment to revitalize our state's infrastructure was only beginning and would stay with him over the next four decades. He oversaw the progress of many public works projects while presiding over the Illinois Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Mr. House, an advocate for workers' rights, was named to The Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting as a construction analyst in 2016. In April 2019, he was hired as Deputy Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation. One of his proudest moments was being in Moline, Illinois on December 1, 2021 for the opening of the I-74 Bridge, which will symbolize the hard-working spirit of our region for generations to come.

It is because of diligent and noble leaders such as Doug House that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Doug House on his two and a half years of service as Deputy Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN AND PHYLLIS HILL

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of John Leroy Hill and Phyllis Lynn Stringfield Hill.

John Leroy Hill was born on December 7, 1953 in Cowpens, South Carolina. A true American hero, John joined the U.S. Army in 1970 and bravely served our country for two decades. During this time, John served two tours in Korea, two tours in Germany, and

tours in Fort Bragg, Fort Hood, and Fort Ord. He retired as a First Sergeant on January 1, 1991.

John met his wife Phyllis while he was on recruiting duty in Warsaw, Indiana. The two were married on January 23, 1991. Known as hometown heroes, both John and Phyllis are deeply involved and engaged members in their community. John has been the Commander of the Clover Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6732 since 2008. He was also the Commander of the Clover American Legion Post 38 until he was relieved by John Mattingly earlier this year. Phyllis worked with Crystalen Mattingly to form a Ladies Auxiliary for the American Legion Post 38.

In February of 2019, Phyllis retired and wanted to spend time traveling. While on an Alaskan cruise, Phyllis learned that she had a malignant mass. After further testing at the Levine Cancer Institute in Charlotte, North Carolina, the mass was shown to be cancerous. After being diagnosed with an aggressive Stage 4 cancer, Phyllis was informed in June of 2020 that she had only three to nine months to live. She courageously underwent radiation and chemotherapy treatments every day for six weeks. Throughout this entire ordeal, Phyllis has remained a positive and faithful believer of God's healing powers.

Despite her devastating prognosis, Phyllis recently received remarkable news. On December 2nd, while at a monthly follow-up appointment, her doctor informed her that he could no longer see any cancer in her CT scans. Her team of doctors were baffled as to how the cancer had disappeared. Phyllis told them it was her deep and honest belief in God that led her through this.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank John and Phyllis for their incredible service, and I commend them for their unwavering faith in the Lord. These two are an inspiration to us all. May God continue to bless them and their family.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF WESTFIELD FIRE CHIEF MARCUS REED

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fire Chief Marcus Reed of Westfield, Indiana, on the occasion of his retirement after a long tenure of public service.

Chief Reed has spent the last five years as the Chief of the Westfield Fire Department following over two decades of fire department leadership around the country before that. His retirement will be a big loss for the community of Westfield and Hamilton County but a well-deserved reward for his tireless service to keep his neighbors safe through emergency response, training, and prevention.

I thank Chief Marcus Reed for his dedicated public service. Our community is grateful for his leadership and his long career in public safety.

RECOGNIZING THE SCOTT CENTRAL REBELS AS MHSAA 2A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Scott Central Rebels and Coach Eric House on their MHSAA 2A State Championship victory. Coach House led the Rebels to an almost unchallenged 15-0 season with huge margins of victory over their opponents, ending the season with a MHSAA record-breaking 72 points in the championship game. I commend Coach House for his success at the helm of the Rebels football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them to remember the qualities that made them champions.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and Nation.

Congratulations to the Scott Central Rebels. They earned this victory.

CONGRATULATIONS COACH LOU HOLTZ

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations Coach Lou Holtz for being awarded the Contributions to College Football Award from the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA).

The purpose of the NCFAA is to enhance the integrity, influence, and prestige of college football's various awards.

Coach Holtz is the only college football coach to lead six different football programs to bowl games and the only one to lead four programs to the final top 20 rankings. The University of South Carolina cherish his dedicated service and success in Columbia. He defined college football and will forever be invoked in this era. Coach Holtz was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame on May 1, 2008.

CHAPEL OAKS V.F.D. 75TH ANNIVERSARY & GORHAM FAMILY TRIBUTE

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of The Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department and pay tribute to Leroy and Lillian Gorham's first born children; Jean, Ruth and Leroy, Jr. On Saturday August 23, 1946 these children perished in a house fire at 1302 51st Street in the Prince George's County Community of Deanwood Park. The tragic loss of these three young lives was the cause for the establishment of The Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department; Maryland's First All-African American Fire Company. Jean had just celebrated her 5th birthday and was slated to attend kindergarten in the fall, Ruth was a typical 2-year-old toddler and Leroy, Jr. was 11-months old and had taken his first unassisted steps that day. The Gorham family lived in the middle unit of a 3-unit house, where the fire engulfed all 3 units of the house. Neighbor and good friend Roy Lee Jordan attempted to save the children, but was unsuccessful.

The first fire department on the scene that day was from the District of Columbia. With the fire hydrant connections not being compatible, Engine Company 27 had to run their hoses across the busy thoroughfare of Eastern Ave. from the District of Columbia side to the Maryland side. According to those in the community, the nearby white fire stations in Maryland, which were minutes away from the Gorham's home, often responded slowly or not at all to emergencies in the surrounding African American communities.

The loss of his three children in a house fire was the motivation behind Mr. Gorham and his friend Roy Lee Jordan's personal mission to form a fire department and spare others the pain he suffered firsthand. Mobilized by this tragedy and determined not to let another person perish because of the racial discord, before the end of the year without any formal knowledge, experience or equipment; Mr. Gorham and Mr. Jordan along with members of the Deanwood Park and Chapel Oaks Communities founded the Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department.

They started out in the 5700 Block of Sheriff Road in a barn rented to them by Ms. Eleanor Dodson, where they operated a small used fire engine. By August of 1947 the next year, they had a fire engine and a fire truck on Sheriff Road. Just as they were starting to make headway, in September a fire started in their makeshift firehouse; causing major damage to the building and damaging their second fire engine that was under repair. Not to be discouraged, the men of this community worked evenings and weekends mixing mortar and laying bricks to build a cinder block building with their own hands to replace the old barn that was destroyed.

This experience showed the men of this community that delivery of emergency services was not only a need, but a calling to fulfill. It was this innate spirit that they often had to lean on for strength to overcome the challenges and roadblocks they were faced with. They had to put up with blatant racial discrimi-

nation. They were called racial slurs and spat on. And orders given by Black fire officers being ignored by white fire fighters.

Other fire companies supported Chapel Oaks privately, secretly leaving their old equipment at the firehouse when no one was around or selling their used fire engines.

Chapel Oaks also had to deal with the fact that the county fire association only accepted white males and Chapel Oaks VFD did not receive official calls. Yet they responded to alerts by their neighbors and often arrived before the officially dispatched units. It was routine for these fire fighters to respond to calls in their area without being dispatched. This level of dedication was a commendable, but it came at a cost. There were attempts to run their engines off the road while responding to a call and other fire companies taking credit for rescues made by Chapel Oaks was commonplace.

To meet the requirements to have two Class A fire service vehicles, this resilient group of men and grateful community put on bake sales, sold dinners, had carnival and held various fundraisers to raise money to buy a new fire engine. One volunteer was a businessman who put up his gas station as collateral, nine others took out second mortgages on their homes to support the effort to buy their first piece of new fire apparatus, a 1957 FWD.

Property at 5312 Sheriff Rd. was purchased for the organization by Mr. Charles Lancaster and the members once again set out to build their new firehouse. Eleven years after being formed in December 1957 Chapel Oaks VFD had a brand-new engine, to move into their newly constructed firehouse that they owned and still own to this day.

A decade and a half after being inspired to train and equip themselves, raising fund to buy their own vehicles, and building two firehouses. You would think that Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department would have done enough to have proven their commitment to the fire service and their value to the county. This was not the case as they entered the 1960's and they were still not members of the Prince Georges' County Fireman's Association. Membership in this organization was important not only because of the network of fire fighters to glean information from and the official training opportunities; but most important was the eligibility to share in the county fire tax that would pay for operating expenses. Chapel Oaks had to petition the state legislature for a share of the fire tax-receiving 7 percent to other stations 31 percent-and residents complained that their local company was not automatically dispatched.

Almost 25 years since the tragic Deanwood Park fire, in March of 1971, Chapel Oaks was fed up with the obvious discrimination and filed suit against Prince George's County. The suit alleged noncompliance with the call system and the need for a new firehouse. At the time, equipment had broken down that impaired response times to its constituents and the station sought emergency funding from the county. Willie Rodney, Fire Station 38's chief at the time, summed up the frustration with the need for the lawsuit. "We do the same job and come to the same standards as the other companies. But all we've been getting are promises, promises, promises."

County Executive William W. Gallett threatened to withhold the request for emergency funding because of the pending lawsuit. The

county council granted the funding. By 1980 a new station was built and Chapel Oaks Prince George's County Fire Department included them in their system by designating the Engine No. 38. They also became members of the volunteer association attending annual convention, winning many parade trophies and garnering much deserved respect for their accomplishments.

Chapel Oaks has been a great asset to the community not only for delivery of emergency services, but the numerous lives that have been enhanced by their experience after serving with Chapel Oaks. Among them are Mr. Luther Cruchfield who was the First African American to be hired by Prince George's County Fire Department and Retired Fire Inspector Lenard Lewis was hired later and became the first African American to be promoted. There also was a young teen named Johnathan Bolden who just hung around the firehouse giving him something productive to do. Now a local businessman he has served in many positions at Chapel Oaks, VFD including Chief. As one of the few African American instructors he has filled a vital role at the University of Maryland College Park Fire Rescue Institute, and is a Prince Georges' County Fire Commissioner. He credits Chapel Oaks and the fire fighters there for nurturing his interest in the fire service and setting the foundation for his work ethic. There are generations of fire fighters serving in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia fire departments that have been motivated, trained and mentored by The Chapel Oaks Fire VFD. They can always use good people and are excited about the opportunity to find new recruits, welcome them in the Chapel Oaks Family and train another generation of fire fighters.

The tragic death of Jean, Ruth and Leroy, Jr. was the driving force for their parents to create a legacy for them. They were determined that their children's death would not be in vain. Mr. Gorham held numerous offices during his 54-year career at the Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department, including Chief, President and Chairman of the Board. He was a very active life member. His wife Lillian was also a member of the Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in the early years of its formation. With this year being the 75th Anniversary of the tragic fire which took these three young lives. I would like to pay tribute to Jean Gorham, Ruth Gorham and Leroy Gorham, Jr. They have done more in their death than many get to do in their lives. I would like to acknowledge the strength of their parents Leroy and Lillian Gorham. I would also like to recognize Mr. Roy Lee Jordan for his heroism and bravery, along with his determination to assist in the legacy of the three children that he was unable to save. I would be remiss not to commend the aforementioned communities and the countless numbers of people who have helped build, grow and maintain Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department. In addition, I want to thank the current leadership of Engine 38 "The Oaks" as they continue to provide services to Prince George's County. On this 75th Anniversary I wish all the best to future members of Engine 38 and their contributions to the fire service and Prince George's County.

RECOGNIZING THE PROMOTION OF
R. DALE LYLES

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brigadier General Roger Dale Lyles on the confirmation of his nomination and promotion by the United States Senate to Major General. Since October 2019, Major General Lyles has served as the Adjutant General of Indiana.

For more than three decades, Major General Lyles has been a leader in the Indiana National Guard—from his service as platoon leader through his current posting. His numerous decorations and badges—including a Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit—speak from themselves.

Indiana volunteer servicemembers have a long and storied history of answering the call in the nation's Armed Services, from being the first to fulfill President Lincoln's quota for the Union Army to meritorious service in the War on Terror.

I congratulate Major General Lyles on this high and well-deserved honor, thank him for his decades of service to Indiana and the nation, and I look forward to his pinning in the coming weeks.

HONORING JAMES FREEMAN

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor James H. Freeman, Founder and President of the Emerging Technology Institute. On December 10th, Mr. Freeman was awarded a Native American 40 Under 40 award by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. These award winners truly represent the best and brightest minds in Indian Country, Mr. Freeman is a member of the Lumbee Tribe and it is a great honor for him to be included in this distinguished category. The Emerging Technology Institute is an integration hub for the Department of Defense, located in the town of Red Springs. I recently had the chance to visit ETI, where I got to fly one of

the many drones on site. I congratulate James once again on this honor. The Lumbee Tribe and Robeson County are very proud of him.

REMEMBERING HENRY CLYDE
HARRISON, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to take the time to remember a friend and great South Carolinian, Henry Clyde Harrison, Jr. Henry was someone that dedicated himself to the safety of his community as a Highway Patrol officer and worked to bring people together. He was instrumental in the development of American services and creating over 5,000 jobs. Our family is especially grateful for his counsel and support of Attorney General Alan Wilson.

HENRY CLYDE HARRISON, JR.

(February 21, 1932–December 12, 2021)

Henry Clyde Harrison Jr., 89, passed away on Sunday December 12, 2021 at his home in Greenville South Carolina.

Henry was blessed with a large and loving family. He is survived by his love and life partner Tracy Lamb, his children; son Randy Harrison (Beth), his daughters Carole Ann Owens (Kent), Pauline Joy Green (Tim), Austin Harrison, his grandchildren Heidi Boyce, Henry T. Harrison, Will Owens, Anna Ornelas, Carly Owens, Chase Green, Aiden Green, Honor Neely, Willa Green and Wynnie Green his great grandchildren Harrison, Caroline, Bailey, Ava, Lily, Lauren, and Alivia. He is also survived by his second wife Glenda Harrison and her children Kim Alexander (Donnie), Kellie O'Donald (Roger), and Al Harrison (Kim) and grandchildren Cody O'Donald, Carson Lollis, Kolby Mccuen, and Brady Harrison, and great grandchildren Hadlee and Fallon all who he loved dearly. He was the last surviving child of the late Clyde and Pauline (Womble) Harrison. Henry was predeceased by his 10 siblings, Dot Floyd, Frances Ray, Elizabeth Baker, Lee Ellis, Mildred Lollis, Margaret Shenk, and Bill, John, Heyward, and Charlie Harrison as well as his first wife Carole Harrison.

Henry was born on February 21st, 1932 in the Union Bleachery community in Greenville, South Carolina before moving to Sans Souci where he grew up. From a young age, Henry exhibited 2 qualities that would come to be known as characteristics to all those who knew him; hard work and the ability to

make friends. When he was 6 years old, he had his first paper route, times were tough and he used the money he earned to help his family. He was known as the small boy; the one being followed by all the neighborhood dogs. He carried scraps and treats to feed them following the motto "better for them to be happy to see you coming!". Henry grew up in Greenville and graduated from Parker High School before joining the Highway Patrol and taking his first post in Cherokee County. On the patrol, he quickly distinguished himself as an officer who was truly there to serve. He believed that every single person he came across, on the job or in life, deserved to be treated with dignity and respect. He made sure everyone knew he worked for the people and it was his job to keep the roads safe for them and most importantly, their children. Through the course of his career on the patrol, Henry was able to move back to Greenville in 1962. While he never ran for office, Henry had a servant's heart and a love for politics. He was extremely active not only in the local Upstate community but in the entire state of South Carolina. He had no interest in partisanship, in divisive times he was known for working with everyone with the goal of bringing people together for the good of all. In 1975 he decided to retire from the Highway Patrol as a Sergeant and start his own company. Henry started American Security from his living room and quickly expanded it into a corporation that at various times served clients in seven states and employed over 5,500 people, known today as American Services. Henry believed in hard work. He classically stated, "The good Lord gives everyone 168 hours a week, how we use them is up to us." Henry proudly served as the Chairman of the Board and CEO of American Services until the day he went to be with his lord.

Henry, Chief, Big Henry, The Chairman, Slick, Dad, Daddy, Papa, Papa Slick, loved people for the entirety of his life and will be remembered for his love by his many friends and family while they wait to join him in the Kingdom of God.

Visitation will be held on Thursday December 16, 2021 at Mackey Mortuary at Century Drive from 4pm–7pm. A memorial service will be held at Sans Souci Church located at 3100 Old Buncombe Road, Greenville South Carolina, 29609 on Friday December 17 at 11:00 am. Entombment will follow the service at Woodlawn Memorial Park, 1901 Wade Hampton Blvd Greenville, SC 29609. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorials to be sent to Sans Souci Church, St. Jude's Children Hospital, Tri-County Vet Tech Program or Dr. William Schmidt and Dr. Susan Shi Legacy Fund and Institute for Child Success.